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SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: COAST GUARD CHARGES NEW
RAMMING BY BRITISH

1. ICELANDIC COAST GUARD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF ITS VESSELS
WAS DELIBERATELY RAMMED AND SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY BRITISH FRIGATE
YESTERDAY. COAST GUARD SAID THAT COLLISION, WHICH OCCURRED 40
MILES EAST OF COUNTRY, FOLLOWED REPEATED UNSUCCESSFUL RAMMING
ATTEMPTS BY UK WARSHIP.

2. INCIDENT WAS FIRST OF KIND SINCE SEYDISFJORDUR RAMMING
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DECEMBER 11 THAT LED TO GOI COMPLAINT AGAINST UK IN UN SECURITY

COUNCIL. HOWEVER, UNLIKE EARLIER COLLISION, YESTERDAY'S TOOK PLACE FAR OUTSIDE ICELAND'S FOUR-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT. THERE HAS BEEN AS YET NO OFFICIAL OR PRESS REACTION TO LATEST DEVELOPMENT. COUNTRY IS ONLY NOW RESUMING NORMAL ACTIVITIES AFTER LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND DURING WHICH ALMOST EVERYTHING, INCLUDING NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION, CAME TO NEAR STANDSTILL.

3. COMMENT: THOUGH PERHAPS NOT OF MAJOR CONSEQUENCE IN ITSELF, LATEST RAMMING INTERRUPTED UNOFFICIAL "CHRISTMAS TRUCE" WHICH HAD PREVAILED ON FISHING GROUNDS FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND COULD TOUCH OFF FRESH ROUND OF HARASSMENT AND COUNTER-HARASSMENT. TWENTY-NINE BRITISH TRAWLERS AND THREE FRIGATES CURRENTLY ARE REPORTED IN DISPUTED WATERS AROUND ICELAND.

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